

2009 Fall Cuboree

The 2009 Fall Cuboree will be held October 9 - 11 at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. Please add this date to your pack's calendar as this event is a fun-filled, action packed adventure for Cub Scouts of all ages and their families. Pumpkin Chunkin' will once again be one of the highlight events of the weekend but new rules for the event will be supplied to all units as soon as they are available. Additional information on the Cuboree will be mailed to all packs in August and will be in the September/October edition of the Trailblazer. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please contact either Greg Blackburn at gregblackburn@frontiernet.net or Ellen Watkins, Staff Advisor at ellen.watkins@scouting.org.

Roundtable Planning Conference

Lincoln Trails Council will be conducting a planning conference for Roundtable Commissioners and Staff, District Executives, District Commissioners, and any Commissioners that would like to attend. The date is August 22 at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Charleston and the conference will run from 9:00am - 12:00pm. We will be meeting with the Council Scout Executive and some of his staff and the Council Commissioners to come up with a plan to boost the attendance at our Roundtables in the Council. This is an excellent opportunity for the districts to interact with each other to share concerns and suggestions for increasing the interest in their local roundtables and promoting training that District Scouters will want to cover in the break out sessions. We will be suggesting a planning guide for the specific break out sessions and some combined programs for both Cub and Boy Scouts for the rest of this year and into next year as well. This is an excellent time to plan your roundtables since summer activities are over and we will be starting school join us nights for the units. Be sure to be there and help us plan a quality program for our leaders and units. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Assistant Council Commissioner Dave Murphy at 217-251-0811.



Training Opportunities

Roundtable Planning Conference

August 22
Wesley United Methodist Church - Charleston
9:00am - 12:00pm

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

September 25 - 27
Rhodes France Scout Reservation - Pana

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

September 26
Rhodes France Scout Reservation - Pana

Webelos Outdoor Leader Training

September 26
Rhodes France Scout Reservation - Pana

Venturing Leader Training

September 26
Rhodes France Scout Reservation

Exploring Program Celebrates 60 Years

The Learning for Life Career Exploring program is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2009. Exploring is a career education program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the 8th grade) through 20 years old. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences that help young people mature and prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the organizations in their communities. Local community organizations initiate a specific Explorer post by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop. Exploring programs are based on five areas of emphasis; career opportunities; life skills; citizenship; character education; and leadership experience.



Though Exploring is best known for its programs in Law Enforcement and Fire Service, Explorer posts can specialize in a variety of career skills including aviation, medicine, science, and social work.